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Aleppo Temple Initiates Large Class of Candidates at Spring Ceremonial

228 Nobles Added to Temple's Membership Ceremonies Attended by Over 3000 Nobles

MORE than 3000 members of Aleppo Temple and visiting Nobles from Temples as far away as California, packed Mechanics Building for the Spring Ceremonial and Strawberry Festival, held Friday, May 23, 1941.

The fourth largest Temple in Shrine-dom made a great bid to retain its position by initiating 41 new members and reinstating the membership of 177 former members of the Temple in addition to affiliating 10 Nobles who had previously withdrawn by demit, a total of 228 added to the membership rolls.

Aleppo was to be host to Imperial Potentate George F. Olendorf of Springfield, Missouri, who was making an official visitation, but was unable to attend due to illness contracted while making a visitation to Sphinx Temple of Hartford, Connecticut, the previous day.

At the afternoon business meeting held in Talbot Hall at 4:00 P. M., the 41 Novices were ballotted upon and received the initiatory degrees as portrayed by the Ritualistic Degree Team under the direction of Noble Wilfred Mills.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following distinguished Nobles were elected to honorary membership in Aleppo: Illustrious Noble George F. Olendorf of Springfield, Missouri, Imperial Potentate of the Imperial Council; Potentate John A. Peterson of Sphinx Temple; Potentate William E. Bissell of Cairo Temple; Potentate Linn M. Carpenter of Palestine Temple and Potentate George W. Streeter of Melha Temple. The honorary membership certificates were presented to these distinguished visitors at the evening ceremonial.

A change in the by laws which had been previously printed and according to law was to be acted upon at this

meeting, was explained by Ill. Potentate Wilson, Jr. The change was put to a vote and was unanimously carried. The amendment was to amend Article IV, Section 5, by adding at the end of said Section the following: "The signatures of at least three members of the Board of Trustees shall be necessary for the withdrawal, or transfer, of any funds in or from any bank or banks; and any investment or change in the investment of any part or parts of the Permanent Fund shall require the approval of at least four members of the Board of Trustees."

Following the afternoon meeting, the Nobles were served a banquet and strawberry festival in the banquet hall by the Temple stewards.

At 6:30 P.M., the Potentate, officers and Uniformed Units formed a parade in front of Mechanics Building and marched to the Copley-Plaza Hotel for the purpose of escorting Ill. Noble John A. Peterson, President of the North-eastern Shrine Council and Secretary Harvey B. Leggee, Sec'y-Treas. of the Council, to the Aleppo Ceremonial.

The evening meeting was called to order in Grand Hall by Potentate Wilson, Jr., at 7:00 P.M. At this session the Potentate announced that the officers, representatives to the Imperial Council and uniformed units of the Temple would leave Boston, Saturday morning, June 7 to attend the three-day convention of the Imperial Council to be held at Indianapolis, Indiana, June 10, 11 and 12.

Following the business meeting, the Nobles were entertained by Noble Charlie Pike with another one of his glamorous vaudeville shows.

Although the day was one of the hottest so far this year, the Nobles seemed to enjoy the entire ceremonies and stayed until the last act of vaudeville.

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

THE following Nobles were created Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at our ceremonial, May 23, 1941:

Herbert F. Baker, Painting Cont., W. Bridgewater
Henry Black, Asst. Gen. Manager, N. Andover
Joseph Benjamin, Shoe Mfr., Lynn
Walter Bell, Sheet Metal Worker, Lynn
Harold B. Blenkhorn, Instructor of Forging, Westboro
Crawford Campbell, Painter, S. Boston
Hugo A. Dahlquist, Foreman, Holden
W. Eugene DeFreitas, Heating Engineer, Melrose
Miner F. Felch, Lt. Col. Med. Corps, U. S. Army, Ft. Devens
Edward Field, Mechanical Insp., Rutland
Alfred Gorshel, Oil Merchant, Malden
William L. Gray, Foreman, N. Weymouth
Jacob Hark, Wholesale Beef, Boston
Wilbur S. Hinkley, Milk Route Foreman, Beverly
John C. Houlne, Electrician, Charlestown
Arthur C. Johnson, Jr., Engineer, Lynn
Frank J. Johnson, Salesman, Wollaston
Gustaf G. Johnson, Asbestos Insulator, Dorchester
William H. Kittell, Ins. Broker, Bradford
George F. Knowles, Merchant, Rehoboth
Edward M. Kondazian, Mfg. Men's Clothing, Newton
Ernest O. Larson, Salesman, Quincy
Nathan S. Levin, Dentist, Salem
Douglas G. Lillie, Lawyer, Belmont
Ray O. Martin, Plumber, Weymouth
Philip A. Munroe, Supervisor, Watertown
Asa B. Nelson, Lawyer, Newton
Benjamin H. Pingree, Retired, Melrose
Abraham I. Pransky, Factory Equipment, Brighton
Edward T. Reynolds, Restaurant, Worcester
Reginald H. Robinson, Asst. Div. Manager, Winchester
Frederick A. W. Sandberg, Machinist, W. Roxbury
Oscar A. Schmaltz, Asst. Engineer, Fitchburg
Leroy A. Shattuck, Retail Grocer, Pepperell
Samuel H. Standel, Restaurant Owner, Lynn
Yega G. Stepanian, Foreman, Allston
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Ralph H. Wells, Physician, Lexington
James A. Westhaver, Sales Rep., Malden
Ernest J. Woelfel, Investment Banker, Peabody

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WHY?

THOSE of us who have sons, or relatives, or merely friends in the armed forces of the United States—men who, at financial sacrifice are preparing to defend it to the limit against aggression, oppression and ruthlessness—wonder why a few wilful men actuated by purely selfish motives, are permitted to not only abstain from work on urgent defense requirements, but to prevent others from going ahead with essential defense work.

Why, in the land of the free, must the sacrifices all be made by the physically fit men between 21 and 35 years of age and those who were patriotically serving in the National Guard? When the strong arm of Uncle Sam reaches out and takes a man who is earning good wages and places him in the army for intensive training at the greatly reduced pay of \$21 to \$30 per month, under an urgency which alone can justify the draft of man-power, why are not such men entitled to the continued support in preparing for defense, of *all* men engaged in preparedness work?

Since all are engaged in the same undertaking, why should strikes for selfish purposes, by those engaged in necessary defense work, be tolerated?

Why would it not be just as reasonable to tolerate strikes by those who, at reduced pay are compelled to drill hard, and do a lot of drudgery, to prepare themselves to fight for those who are filling well paid jobs and are living in ease?

Why should certain lines of business be told by the government that they can have no more material with which to operate their factories because it is needed for essential war industries, while the men working in such war industries are permitted to dictate the conditions upon which they will permit the business to be operated?

Why are men who desire to fatten upon the manufacture of instrumentalities of destruction, permitted to delay and discourage those who are making the sacrifices? *Why?*—H. M. C.

A MESSAGE FROM THE POTENTATE

BRIEFLY at this time I hasten to extend the sincere thanks of Aleppo Temple to those who made possible the record class at our Spring Ceremonial on Friday, May 23, namely, those Nobles of Aleppo Temple who secured the applications of 41 candidates, those Nobles who were formerly members of our Temple and have now returned to the ranks, and finally our new Nobles by affiliation.

For purposes of helpful comparison, may I say that for the year 1940 our figures were as follows: Initiates 86, Affiliates 11, Reinstatements 53, Deaths 223, Demits 57, Suspensions 157, net loss 287, membership 9260. Up to this date for the year 1941, we show: Initiates 61, Affiliates 14, Reinstatements 188, Deaths 81, Demits 6, Suspensions none, Membership 9436.

With at least two more meetings scheduled for the year, we have every reason to hope for still *further* added strength from initiates and affiliates; further *reinstatements* may become effective at *any* time. Our present figure already shows the highest number of *reinstatements* in any one year since 1936; we need only 69 *more* to exceed any year in the history of Aleppo Temple!

With your help in obtaining new applications, we can once again show *no* net loss for the year, in our membership, for the *first time since 1927*.

Are you with me?

Yours with and in the Faith,

Robert Gardiner Wilson

Illustrious Potentate.



ARRIVAL OF STATUE OF LIBERTY RECALLED

IN these days when we are all thinking of Life and Liberty we are reminded of the beacon of American democracy, the Statue of Liberty.

Fifty-six years ago this month, the statue of liberty, a gift of the people of France to the United States, arrived in New York. The goddess, beacon of American democracy, came in 214 packing cases aboard a bark-rigged French man-of-war.

The \$700,000.00 which financed construction of the statue was contributed by 180 French cities, 40 general councils and thousands of individual French citizens. \$300,000.00 was raised in this country by popular subscription to build a pedestal on Bedloe's Island in New York harbor, as a foundation for the architectural statue.

HONOR ROLL

THE following is a list of the names of Nobles who signed their names on the top line of applications of new members who have joined Aleppo this year.

JANUARY 25, 1941

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 SAMUEL COHEN
 CARLETON L. CRITCHETT
 ARTHUR J. HIGGINS
 J. HERBERT HINDS
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 ARTHUR H. PARSONS
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 JOHN M. STRATIS
 GEORGE E. TUFTS
 WARREN C. WOODWORTH

MAY 23, 1941

RALPH E. ANDERSON
 CHARLES H. AMIDON—2
 WILLIAM ANDERSON
 HARRY J. BAKEE
 WALTER W. BENSON
 ERNEST BOWLER
 ALEXANDER CAMPBELL
 C. LUTHER CASHIN
 EDWARD DALE
 GEORGE H. DU PAW
 LEON K. HEDISON—2
 ELMER B. JONES
 ELMER F. LEACH—2
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 WILLIAM J. SHANNON
 FRED R. SMITH
 ANDREW STENBERG—2
 GUSTAVE G. SWANSON
 PAUL C. SYKES
 NORMAN H. THURSTON
 JULIEN W. VOSE
 ERNEST A. WOELFEL
 GEORGE H. WOOD—3
 WALLACE H. WOOD

A sailor, after placing some flowers on a grave in a cemetery, noticed an old Chinaman placing a bowl of rice on a nearby grave, and asked: "What time do you expect your friend to come up and eat the rice?"

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BY NOBLE J. ARTHUR MCCOY,

Associate Editor

RECENTLY the walls of the patrol room have been adorned with pictures and mementos of the trips to Imperial Council gatherings in the various cities across the country. It is an excellent idea—a sort of museum, which, to those who have been on the trips, will be a “Hall of Memories.” Photographs have been contributed by Ill. Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Asst. Recorder Harvey B. Leggee, and Nobles Walter Benson, Clyde Carter, and Bill Davis. We are indebted to Noble Fred Wilcke for the dandy banner extending along the south wall. There is a long and interesting story connected with each and every souvenir. Of course, there will be mementos of “Indianapolis in 1941.” Undoubtedly there are many others hidden away in cupboards; perhaps they will now be dusted off and put on exhibition. They will call to mind dramatic episodes of the past. Yes, I think it is a good idea.

Every summer I vow that I will plan some way to keep in touch with the members that scatter to distant parts, but as yet I haven't thought of a way to do it except through post cards and other communications that some of the men send to headquarters. I hope that we shall receive more of these notes this summer so that the Patrol Patter may be kept alive in every issue of the magazine.

Noble Herb Lundy, of the third platoon, brought his Police Square Club to Isaac Parker Lodge of Waltham for the May meeting of that Lodge, and worked the degree on officer Upham of Weston. Herb Lundy acted as Junior Deacon and George Gardner of the 1st platoon was at the south gate. The Police Square Club always does a good job and adds color to the work.

Boston Commandery had its official inspection May 21 and obtained a “9 plus” mark. We are especially interested because our Lorin Lewis of the second platoon is Eminent Commander. Congratulations Eminent Sir and Sir Knights of Boston Commandery.

Gethsemane Commandery, of Newtonville, had a very enjoyable Ladies' Night following the May conclave. Walter Weidig, of the third platoon, is Generalissimo, and was active on the committee.

Everybody was glad to see Noble Bill Aldrich at the May ceremonial. It has been many months since he has been with us, and we hope that he will be a “regular” again.

NOBLE FRED E. LOMBARD PASSES AWAY

THE officers and many Nobles of Aleppo Temple note with regret and sympathy the recent passing of one of the old and faithful members, Noble Fred E. Lombard, father of Chief Rabban Willard P. Lombard. Both father and son have been life members of Aleppo for many years. Noble Lombard senior was initiated in Aleppo May 21, 1908 and his son, Willard, August 14, 1920.

Noble Lombard's early life was spent as a youth in Florida as a pilot on river steamboats. Later, he there married a native of Tennessee and settled on Drayton Island, Florida, to live on a plantation with his father, where they became growers of oranges and citrus fruits. It was there that his two children, Mary V. and Willard P. Lombard, were born and lived until the family



NOBLE FRED E. LOMBARD

came to Boston, where Noble Fred E. Lombard entered the roofing and contracting business with his brother, the late Willard D. Lombard, who also was a member of Aleppo from October 27, 1897, until his death, May 19, 1930.

Upon his retirement from active business he became treasurer of Woodlawn Cemetery, in Everett, Massachusetts, and a Director in the Everett National Bank, both of which positions he held at the time of his death at the age of 76.

He was active in social and fraternal organizations, having been a Past Exalted Ruler of Everett Lodge of Elks, a member of Palestine Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Bethsaida R. A. Chapter and Beauseant Commandery, Knights Templar.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT AUTHORIZES HISTORY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

THE destruction of many Masonic documents in the Spanish Civil War and in the present war now raging in Europe prompted the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U. S. A., to embark on the work of preparing a history of this branch of Masonry. Provision for the work was made at the 41st Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, held in Cleveland, Ohio.

The decision to make this study, the first ever attempted on such a large scale by any body of Knights Templar, was made after a special committee surveyed the available material, with the help of many prominent Masonic scholars, and reported in favor of the undertaking.

The committee appointed in July, 1937, included Mark Norris, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Chairman; Harry G. Pollard (the present Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and a Past Potentate of Aleppo); Frank M. Weinhold, Chairman of Finance Committee; William Moseley Brown, Secretary. It is expected that research for the history of American and Canadian Templary will be completed by 1943, and efforts will be made to push research in Templar origins in Europe, Asia Minor and North Africa as soon as world conditions make such study feasible. Special research is also contemplated in the Masonic literature of France, Germany, Spain, Portugal and Sweden.

Chivalric Freemasonry is the outgrowth, at least indirectly, of the religious and military orders known as the Knights Templar and Knights Hospitaller. Some Masonic scholars believe Chivalric Freemasonry is the direct descendant of these two ancient orders, though so far no positive proof of this has been unearthed.

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BY NOBLE J. HOWARD MACAULAY
Associate Editor

THE Degree Staff is now going at full speed and all is harmonious.

Our party of May 3, 1941, was a huge success. Ken Damon, Frank Watson, Carl Priest, the committee in charge, are to be congratulated. An excellent dinner was served and each lady received a beautiful corsage. The outstanding event of the evening was the entrance of Noble Eddie Adolph and his charming bride who won the hearts of even the toughest member, at a glance. She proved to be one of the best sports we have ever been fortunate enough to meet. She danced with everyone and agreed to let Eddie continue to meet with us on Friday evening. "See what I mean?"

George and Reba Lewis brought as their guest their beautiful little niece, Lillian Frazier, who added life and that youthful touch to our party. The delegation from Lynn seemed to enjoy the evening greatly and we certainly enjoyed their being with us. It was a swell party, good music, good food, good entertainment and the best company obtainable.

I received a note from Clarence Robinson in which he says the seven doctors at the Veterans' Bureau have examined him and pronounced him as being permanently and totally disabled. In fact, "Robby" says things are in such a condition that when he gets up in the morning he looks to see if there is any crepe on the front door, and if there isn't he gets up and starts another day. I have "Robby's" letter to prove the above.

On May 10, 1941, Watson, Priest, Robinson and Sargent attended the Spring Ceremonial at Springfield, Massachusetts, all having the usual wonderful evening. Our Potentate, Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., was also present.



NEW BEDFORD SHRINE CLUB ACTIVE IN HOSPITAL WORK

NOBLES of Southeastern Massachusetts assembled en masse at the New Bedford Hotel on Wednesday evening, April 30, to greet Potentate Robert G. Wilson, Jr., of Aleppo Temple, and his Divan of Officers. A fine program of entertainment with an excellent dinner menu provided the gathering a typical Shrine night in honor of the Potentate.

Many visiting Nobles were present for the celebration including distinguished guests from Palestine Temple and the Worcester Shrine Club.

After an impromptu reception the Shriners sought their places in the banquet hall and the Potentate, members of the Aleppo Temple Divan, and other prominent Nobles were escorted to the head table by the officers of the Club. At the conclusion of the dinner President William Stitt introduced the guests and called upon Potentate Wil-

son for a message. The Potentate paid high tribute to the Shrine Club as one of the most active units in the realm of the Temple.

A beautiful article of cut glass was presented to Potentate Wilson by the Club as a sample of the excellence of New Bedford production and the good wishes of the Shriners of the section.

Previous to a snappy, smart floor show which included several acts of a well balanced program, a large number of door prizes were presented. All were happily received by the large Nobles, but perhaps "Andy" Stenberg was the most unusual winner with a "tooth extraction" by Dr. Frank Birtwistle.

It was for every one present a happy evening, in fine keeping with the high standard of entertainment which the Shrine Club promotes for every event, particularly the traditional "Annual Potentate's Night."

Once again the Shrine Club has proven its value in community work. At a meeting May 14 at Cornell Hall in New Bedford, it was unanimously voted to present a combination incubator and respirator to the St. Luke's Hospital.

The need is fully explained in the following letter which the Club has received in appreciation of the action:

"At the monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of St. Luke's Hospital, held May 21, 1941, it was reported to the meeting that the Shrine Club of Southeastern Massachusetts had presented to the Hospital a combination incubator and respirator. As Secretary of the Committee, I was requested to write you to express the deep appreciation of the Hospital of the generosity of your

Club in making this gift. Will you please express to all your members what a satisfaction it is to St. Luke's Hospital to have the backing of such a loyal and generous group. The respirator fills a real need. It saves the Hospital an expense which it would be difficult for it to meet.

"Yours truly,

"OLIVER PRESCOTT,

"Secretary."

Delivery of the unit is expected within a few weeks and presentation will be made with appropriate ceremonies.

The Club further extended its efforts for benefit of crippled children by voting to cooperate with Sol-E-Mar Hospital in the purchase of braces from time to time.

The boys of the Club as usual attended the ceremonial in Boston on May 23 in large numbers. A bus group headed by President Stitt enjoyed the trip as well as the party in Mechanics Hall.

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NOTES OF NOBLES

THERE are many new friendships made at Shrine ceremonials as well as renewal of old friendships. But one which took place at the May 23rd ceremonial of Aleppo brought together two Nobles who have been separated a long time.

Nobles Emil W. Zepp and Gordon S. Wallace were introduced by a friend and after a short conversation discovered that they were old friends. It was the first time these two had seen, or heard from each other, since they worked side by side in the Telephone Company's mechanical department on Farnsworth Street, South Boston, over 40 years ago.

Received a card from our Past Potentate Harry G. Pollard of Lowell. Ill. Noble Pollard is the present Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States and in addition to the vast amount of work connected with the office, they are keeping him on the move making visitations. On his card he says, "I can not be with you Friday at the ceremonial. Just got back from Hartford this A.M. Leaving for Portland this P.M. Home Friday A.M. Engagement in Boston, Friday P.M. Gosh am I busy. Hope you all have a great time."

We hope you have a good time, Harry, and bring us back some more good stories from your trip around the circuit.

One of our old time members, Noble William H. Thomas of Boston, who joined Aleppo in 1891, has just completed and sent to Doctor Hatt at the Shrine Hospital in Springfield, an oil painting of a full rigged ship. Noble "Billy," who retired from his horse-shoeing business many years ago, has been painting for a hobby all his life. His specialty is marine oils, and he can't be beat by even the best artists in Boston. Don't take our word for it. When you make a visit to the Shrine Hospital ask to see the oil painting presented by Noble Thomas, which is now reposing on the wall of the office of Doctor Hatt, chief surgeon of the Springfield Unit.

Just received a note from one of our well known Worcester Nobles, Dr. Roy W. Smith. Roy is a Colonel, connected with the 181st Infantry and is located at Camp Edwards on Cape Cod.

Another one of our Nobles who is located at Camp Edwards is Harold F. Merrill of Swampscott. Harold is a member of the Aleppo Patrol and is now connected with the Construction Department at the camp. He has a big job and is just the fellow to handle it.

Elsewhere in this issue is a list of the Nobles who procured applications for our May 23rd ceremonial. Some times the Recorder gets a note from a member sending in an application introducing the prospective member. The following is a letter received from Noble Ernest Bowler, Instructor of the Printing Department of the Lyman School for boys located at Westboro.

DEAR WALTER:

"I've been working with this bird for twenty years. A few years ago I got him going the Rite way, then fate caught up with him and strangled him

for a few years. Last month he finished the Highland fling and then I stepped in with the one-two-three while the iron was hot.

"He has a physical A1 rating with the National Guard, is a blacksmith by trade and I'm thinking of matching him with Tony Galento or Madam Perkins, but not until he kisses the camel, gets his signet ring and can wear the old fez with dignity.

"Yes sir, twenty years. Some would call it perseverance. It was almost a shock to me.

"Allah be praised,
"ERNEST BOWLER."

First-flighter in aeronautics and top-notch in fraternalism is Medinah's (Chicago) Potentate James McVittie. When the Graf Zeppelin made its first commercial flight from Germany to Brazil, Jim was aboard. When the Hindenburg made its first flight across the North Atlantic to Lakehurst, Jim was there. When the China Clipper made its first flight across the Pacific to Manila and return, Jim was on the job, round trip. When the Dixie Clipper first-flighted from Port Washington to Marseilles, Jim had a ticket. On the return trip he had breakfast in Lisbon and had lunch (and Scotch) the following noon in Chicago. Jim was a passenger on the first flights of the Alaska Clipper to Juneau and the far North and on the American Clipper to New Zealand and return. Believe-It-Or-Not Ripley featured Noble McVittie's exploits.

Nation-wide interest has been focused on the unusual incidents connected with Missouri's election for Governor. Unanimous action of the State Supreme Court decreed the seating of Forrest C. Donnell in the Governor's seat. Of high character, a dynamic orator, a sincere servant and active worker in Masonry, his election was popularly approved by the public and the press. Governor Donnell is a member of Moolah (St.

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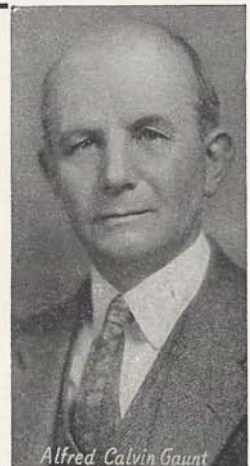
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Louis) and has eloquently served as Orator and has delivered stirring appeals at Ceremonials for our Hospitals. He is the Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Missouri and served as Deputy for Missouri for the Southern Supreme Council. His Masonic offices and honors have been many, and all have been earned through labor and devotion. Add another to the list of gubernatorial fez-wearers.

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BY VAIL K. HAAK,
Associate Editor

THE evening of April 10, the Bowling Season closed out another very successful season. The members of the league were honored at the annual banquet by the presence of Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.; Chief Rabban Willard P. Lombard and Assistant Recorder Harvey B. Leggee.

After a very enjoyable meeting at the festive board the prizes were presented to the various winners. The Potentate's Trophy was presented by Illustrious Potentate Wilson to Harry Gordon, the winner of the 10 string roll-off. Assistant Recorder Harvey Leggee presented THE ALEPPO NEWS Trophy to Robert Hancock for the highest 10 strings with the handicap and Chief Rabban Willard Lombard presented the other prizes for team and individual effort.

The winning team prize and second high team were mentioned in the April edition. Individual high average went to Harold Chase with the runner up prize going to Jerrie Jones. High individual 3 string went to Haak, with second money allotted to Harry Gordon. High individual string was won by Larry Bearse with Andy Hill in the second slot in this department.

After dinner the Nobles repaired to the alleys and indulged in some bowling of the not too serious nature. From the team made up of Nobles Wilson, Lombard and Leggee, to find who was the best of the trio, the honors were taken by the Potentate himself.

Circulars have arrived in the Shrine office announcing "The First Shrine Handicap Tournament" which was held in Baltimore, Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18, sponsored by Boumi Temple and sanctioned by the National Duck Pin Bowling Congress. Too bad our Temple could not be represented by a team in this jamboree, but we of Aleppo are either Boston or candle pin rollers and know that duck pin bowling might have us stymied.

Au Revoir for this year—will be back in the Fall again.



SOUTH SHORE NEWS

BY NOBLE GEORGE A. RHODES
Associate Editor

JUNE will have a flock of events in the lodges south of Boston. Strawberries and ice cream is the standard food served for collations. The big event in May was the 20th anniversary of the Milton Mosaic Club, done in two parts. May 7, a dinner and initiation by the Kilwinning Club of Boston, held in their own club rooms. May 24, a Ladies' Night at Cunningham Gym with entertainment and dancing. The Mosaics are the outstanding Masonic club on the South Shore. They were responsible for starting Milton Lodge

of Masons. The roster shows a goodly number of Nobles. Rt. Wor. Roland S. Fulton, District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Dorchester district, is a past President of the club, and they have many past Masters. Attendance at meetings is always large.

Rural Lodge, A. F. & A. M., had an informal Ladies' Night June 5. Wollaston Assembly of Rainbow for Girls were guests of Rural in May. Probably would be best not to tell how many Masons were present. This talk about giving the young people aid and helping them get along in the world is all wrong. It's the men that need the help.

One thing is encouraging, the number of candidates in all Masonic Lodges, also in other orders.

Quincy and South Shore Commanderies had a goodly number at the Templars' parade, with Aleppo's great band.

Taleb Grotto had an "All Quincy Night" in May with Quincy talent and caterer. The big feature was the folk dances by a group from Wollaston Methodist Church. To the older members, dancing and the church seemed a bit of a shock. The group is earning money to send several young people to a school for religious training.

The DeMolay Chapter took over the services in St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church the other Sunday. Not only filled every position but one of the DeMolays preached the sermon to a large audience. Wonder how many of the old timers can remember of any group of live boys in their days who conducted a church service.

Grand Council, U. C. T., meets in Plymouth, June 4-7 with Wollaston Council, Quincy, the host. Quincy is just out of hotels. A city of 80,000 and no place for travelers to sleep. Aleppo Nobles will find a host of Shriners at the convention. Probably more traveling men belong to the Shrine than any other group.

Tinfoil continues to arrive at the office of the *Patriot Ledger*. They ran an interesting story from the Bangor, Me., Shrine magazine on tinfoil the other night. It told the whys and wherefores. Every time a story or mention about tinfoil appears, the next week or two finds many a person stopping with a contribution. Talking with Editor Leggee of the News recently and he advises that he intends to run a complete issue devoted entirely to the Shrine Hospitals and their work, including collecting of tinfoil, the \$60.00 Life Membership in the Hospital Endowment Fund and stories of interest from the Hospital Board, Doctors, Nurses and patients. Sounds interesting.

IMPERIAL POTENTATE OLENDORF VISITS N. E. SHRINE HOSPITAL UNIT

THE Imperial Potentate, George F. Olendorf, made an official visitation to the New England unit of the Shriners' Hospitals located at Springfield, Massachusetts, Tuesday, May 27. Illustrious Noble Olendorf, who was accompanied by Mrs. Olendorf, spent approximately 2 hours on his tour of inspection. In the absence of Hospital Board Chairman Harry H. Caswell, Illustrious Potentate George W. Streeter of Melha Temple escorted the official party, which included a large group of Melha Officers and Nobles with their ladies, through the Hospital.

Mr. Olendorf, speaking of the Shrine in general, said that 1941 should be one of the best years the organization has ever experienced. He indicated that whereas the organization has repeatedly lost members during the past decade, everything indicates that when the reports are filed by the subordinate Temples for the year, they will show a decided upswing. The present membership of the 159 Temples in North America is approximately 310,000.

Although he was scheduled to visit several of the New England Temples during his recent trip through the East, Mr. Olendorf proceeded directly west to his home in Springfield, Missouri, by way of Toronto. For the five days previous to his visitation to the Springfield Hospital, he was confined to bed in his hotel at Hartford, Connecticut, and on doctor's orders, cancelled the rest of his visitations in this area, including the scheduled official visitation to Aleppo's ceremonial, Friday, May 23.

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BY NOBLE CHARLES C. FEARING,
Associate Editor

"BLOW, BLOW, SOFT AND LOW, WINDS OF THE WESTERN SEA"

WE were AWOL last month, and did we get called down good and proper when we showed up at the band rehearsal. Some anxiously inquired if we were dead; others whether our number had been drawn for the draft. We thought that perhaps the Editor in Chief would hand us a little blue slip with the word "fired" on it—but all he said was "No news last month—how come?" The reason for our absence in last month's News was that owing to a business merger we were so blamed busy we did not get time to write anything for this column, much to our regret. But it is a "Grand and glorious feeling" to find that our feeble efforts to fill up this column call for comment when we renege.

The past month has been a busy one for the band. Sunday, May 11, we went to Malden for the Ascension service and parade of DeMolay and Beauseant Commanderies. The route of the parade was only about a mile long, but it was granite block paving and car tracks all the way and back again, and if you have ever marched over that sort of pavement for even a short distance you can realize how our "dogs" felt at the finish.

On Sunday, May 18, the band turned out for the Ascension service under the auspices of Boston Commandery. The weather was fine, except that a gale of wind was blowing (about 60 miles per). As we stood at the corner of Boylston and Tremont Streets, while the lines were being formed, we thought of that poem by William Henry Drummond, when he wrote "The wind she blow on Lak Champlain, byemby she blow some more." Every time we reached for a high note the wind blew it back in our face. Gee! Were we glad we were not blowing one of those big bass horns that day.

Our Leader, Walter Smith, could not parade with us on account of a bad knee. We know it was not "a kneesy" thing for him to have to pass up this event.

Then came the Ceremonial on May 23, and we paraded from Mechanics to the Copley-Plaza Hotel to escort the Imperial officers, and officers of the North-eastern Shrine Council. The car tracks in the middle of Huntington Avenue have been torn up and the hole filled

in with dirt and rocks, without even being rolled down, and as we were one of the unfortunates who happened to be on the left of line, got the full benefit of that rough terrain both going down and coming back. The "Rocky Road to Dublin" had nothing on that route.

The boys are looking forward to our departure for the Imperial Council Session at Indianapolis, June 7, and we expect to have a good crowd on that occasion. We understand part of the trip will be by boat, which will be right down our alley. Noble Ivan Chandler of the trombone section called our attention to the fact that Noble Charlie McGee had won two cash prizes for securing candidates, and stated we would have to "gang up" and take it away from him on this trip. So we are practicing up on our Penny-ante technique. Charlie plays 'em close to his belt, so we will need all our finesse to relieve him of his dough. Perhaps we may have to ring in a "cold deck" on him.

The last Monday night forum was rather tame as some of the regulars were absent. Noble John Gray was on hand, but one of his principle opponents (or should we say "hecklers"), Noble Bill Koenig, was missing. John suggested that we ought to take short hand notes of these affairs, but we are afraid a verbatim record would not pass the censor, especially when Noble Harry Albro spins some of his Cape Cod yarns and Noble "Si" Wilton caps 'em with an addendum.

Noble Carl Perry (the musical cop from Harbor Police) has been absent for some time on account of a "bum" foot, but he was able to show up at the ceremonial.

Sorry to report that Noble Gus Simmonds is still on the sick list. He is out of the hospital but is confined to his home. He has our heartfelt sympathy and best wishes.

We were glad to see Noble Howard Rowell at the ceremonial. He has been a stranger at band functions for a long period, but hope he will come out of retirement soon and be with us again in the cornet section.

"My friends," it is time to shut off this "Fireside Chat," so we'll be seeing you at Indianapolis—we hope.

C. C. F.

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